

Faith First Community Church

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Focus on Faith



March 2026

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Wednesday Evening Discussions Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Our discussions will be reflections as we watch the movie "The Way" together. It is directed by Emilio Esteves and stars his father, Martin Sheen. It is a beautiful movie that grounds us in the ideas of life as a pilgrimage.



March 4

"The High Way"
"The Way Around"

March 11

"The Way Home"
"The Free Way"

March 18

"The Other Way"
"The Loving Way"

March 25

"Make Your Way"



Sunday Morning Worship Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

March 1

"The High Way"
Psalm 37 / Isaiah 55

March 8

"The Way Around"
Psalm 32 / Luke 13

March 15

"The Way Home"
Psalm 25 / Luke 15

March 22

"The Free Way"
Psalm 18 / Isaiah 43 / Phil 3

March 29

Palm/Passion Sunday
"The Other Way"
Psalm 37 / Luke 19

April 5

Easter
"Make Your Way"
Psalm 77 / Matthew 28



March 29

Palm/Passion
Sunday

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Neighborhood
Easter Egg Hunt

2:00 p.m.

April 2
Maundy
Thursday
Online



April 3

Good Friday

Soup 6:00 p.m.
Worship 7:00 p.m.

April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

9:15-10:15 a.m.



Worship
10:30 a.m.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment, heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.” ~ Matthew 3:16

The Bible is filled with symbols, common objects, numbers and elements which represent deep spiritual truths.

Examples are:

- Water for the Holy Spirit as well as for life
- Fire for purification or judgement
- Light for God
- Oil for the Holy Spirit and anointing
- Bread for the life sustaining living Word of God
- Cross for salvation
- Rainbow for God’s covenant
- Dove for the Holy Spirit
- Lamb for Jesus

Today, we use symbols to help us remember the Word of God. We use bread to symbolize the body of Christ, juice to symbolize the blood Jesus shed on the cross. We use water to remind us of our baptism, and that we are named and claimed by God.

During our Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes, those who attended received a rock. Biblically, a rock symbolizes strength and permanence, something we can rely on not to move.

But we received these rocks as symbols of the burdens we carry through our life. Some picked their rocks so they could fit in their pockets, keeping them close. Some picked larger rocks to display in places they could see them. I picked mine—larger but not too large, so I could carry it with me in my bag back and forth to the church, or in my purse when I was going some place. It is heavy enough for me to remember it is always present.

What I have noticed, is that when I put my bag down, the relief I feel from not carrying it around anymore.

Each of our life journeys look different, and we carry different burdens. Some we have to carry, but many we do not. Through our conversations and our worship this Lenten Season, we will contemplate what burdens we are meant to carry, and what burdens we are not meant to carry. Here’s a hint, in case you don’t already know:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” - Matthew 11:28-30.

So often we place unnecessary pressure or expectations on ourselves to be perfect, to know everything, to act a certain way, or live a certain way. But the reality is, those are not what we should be focusing on. All they do is cause undue stress, anxiety, and burdens. Instead, what we should be concentrating on is following God’s path, loving with grace and mercy, because God first loved us, and offers us grace and mercy. When we do, our burdens will become lighter, and we will live in the peace God created us to live in in the first place.

My friends, you are not the only one in this crazy and chaotic life who has burdens. All of us carry them. I pray you will join us this Lenten season as we walk this journey of self reflection together. Maybe together we can work on letting go of those burdens that we no longer need to carry. May it be so.

Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) March 22, 2026

This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world.

When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

EASTER LILIES

Help us adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning by signing up for an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one.



Cost is \$13 each

Deadline to order is March 22.

Bible Quiz

In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A salt solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: (See Psalm 23:5)



Hope at the Brick House

We are scheduled to serve at 3:30 p.m. March 12th.

Share-A-Meal

We are scheduled to serve March 31st. Meet at 5:15pm



Women's Group
Will not meet
In March

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

April Newsletter article deadline is March 15.

April Newsletter will be mailed by March. 28.

| Treasurer's Report January 2026 | | | |
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| PLEDGE ACCOUNT | MO.PLEDGE | JAN | GIVEN YTD |
| General Fund | \$ 6,677.00 | \$ 5,626.00 | \$ 5,626.00 |
| Non-Pledge Gen Fund | \$ - | \$ 253.00 | \$ 253.00 |
| OCWM | \$ 144.00 | \$ 135.00 | \$ 135.00 |
| DOCM | \$ 38.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Maintenance Reserve | \$ 332.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Total Giving | \$ 7,191.00 | \$ 6,224.00 | \$ 6,224.00 |
| GENERAL FUND | MO BUDGET | | TOTAL YTD |
| Pledged & NP Giving | \$ 6,677.00 | \$ 5,879.00 | \$ 5,879.00 |
| Misc Gen Fund Giving | \$ - | \$ 75.80 | \$ 75.80 |
| Transfers In | \$ - | \$ 5,627.91 | \$ 5,627.91 |
| Total Gen Fund Inc | \$ 6,677.00 | \$ 11,582.71 | \$ 11,582.71 |
| Pastor Expense | \$ 94,152.00 | \$ 5,647.18 | \$ 5,647.18 |
| Employee Expense | \$ 16,951.00 | \$ 1,214.96 | \$ 1,214.96 |
| Church Ministry Exp | \$ 4,586.00 | \$ 163.83 | \$ 163.83 |
| Office Expense | \$ 6,250.00 | \$ 540.85 | \$ 540.85 |
| Property Expense | \$ 28,680.00 | \$ 2,231.16 | \$ 2,231.16 |
| Total Gen Fun Exp | \$ 150,619.00 | \$ 9,797.98 | \$ 9,797.98 |
| Net General Fund | \$ (143,942.00) | \$ 1,784.73 | \$ 1,784.73 |

Submitted by Martha Watters

Board Notes

Board Meeting
February 8, 2026

1. Doug Cox was selected to be President and Cheryl Leamer was selected to be Secretary for the upcoming year.
2. Chair Lift to move from HTBH to Faith First is \$1,500. Board approved the expense.
3. Deck on parsonage needs to be replaced.
4. Hope at the Brick House - served 17 on Feb. 13th.
5. Next board meeting will be March 8th.



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS on March 7th
join us on time for worship on March 8th



- 3 Ashton van der Merwe
- 8 Nicole Smith
- 11 Michelle Minnich
- 16 Amy Dowell
- 19 Sheryl Mortimore
- 20 Jacob van der Merwe
- 23 Reva Young
- 24 Jackson Holdt
- 26 Barry Smith
- 28 Larry Showens Sr.
- 28 Heidi Hulme
- 29 Kristen Walck
- 30 Ethan Walck
- 31 Paul Dammeier

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



ROOSTER — The rooster reminds us of Peter’s threefold denial of Jesus on the night of his trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV). Because of this, it often symbolizes human weakness and faithlessness—especially when faith is tested. Yet, the rooster also calls to mind watchfulness. Its early-morning crowing echoes Jesus’ words about being alert for his return: “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn” (Mark 13:35, NIV).

Our Faith First Family

Linda Cox
Glenn Perreault
Don Walton
Pastor Heidi
Sid and Ardella Boots
Karen Risler
Rev Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

Paul Dammeier
Dennis Jacobsen
Hazel Jones
Harriet Meye
Colleen Skinner
Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Nilofar Basti
Dean Schmidt
Albert Perreault
Fran Frutiger
JR Showens
Dillon Poole
Lorie House
Lylah Stineman
Garret Paxton
Kylie
Taunia Waters
Terry Showens
Judy Cummings

Our World Prayers for March

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia



EASTER EGG FILLER

We are looking for candy/trinket donations to fill plastic Easter eggs for the egg hunt on Palm Sunday morning.

Please be sure the candy is individually wrapped.

You may bring your donations to the office. Thank you!

Lessons From a Little Voice

A woman invited several guests over for dinner. When everyone gathered around the table, she turned to her 6-year-old daughter and asked, “Would you like to say the blessing?”

“I don’t know what to say,” the little girl replied.

Her mother smiled. “Just say what you hear Mommy say.”

The child bowed her head and prayed sincerely, “Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?”



Mulligans,
Double Down,
Raffles, gift
baskets, and fun!

\$10 per person

Table Maximum is 8

Drinks and Desserts - Available for Purchase
Bring a non-perishable item for
the Little Food Pantry.

Saturday, March 14th

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.






Bring your
Own Snacks

Call or text Glenn at 563-320-2952 to reserve your table.

Or email glenn@faithfirst2024.org or email office@faithfirst2024.org

Proceeds will go to Youth and Family Summer Camp

March 2026

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| <p>1</p> <p>Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>3</p> <p>School Dist Voting 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Soup and Discussion 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>5</p>  | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p>  <p>Spring Forward</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Soup and Discussion 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Hope at the Brick House 3:30 p.m.</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Trivia Night 6:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>OGHS Offering</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>17</p>  <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Soup and Discussion 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Basket Class 5:30 p.m.</p> | <p>20</p>  <p>First Day of Spring</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Soup and Discussion 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Mail Newsletter</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt Easter Offering</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Share A Meal 5:15 p.m.</p> <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p> | | | |  <p>March</p> |